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Fraud Investigation Report Summary October – December 1999

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown in this report represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following four reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Development Division (RADD) external web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- **DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report**
(October, November and December 1999 dated December 1, 2000)
- **CA 237 CalWORKs - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report**
(October 1999 dated June 20, 2001, November 1999 dated June 20, 2001 and December 1999 dated April 16, 2001)
- **CA 237 FC – Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Foster Care (FC) Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report**
(October 1999 dated March 6, 2000, November 1999 dated March 6, 2000, and December 1999 dated May 10, 2000)
- **DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report**
(October 1999 dated April 28, 2000, November 1999 dated May 9, 2000, and December 1999 dated October 13, 2000)

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights

October – December 1999

Investigation Requests

- 50,302 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 16,767 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.4% of the 684,910 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during October-December 1999).
- 49,193 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 50,302 investigation requests received.
 - 33,389 (68%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 6,227 (13%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 5,019 (10%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 4,558 (9%) were Family (Household) Composition requests.
- 135,113 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 85,920 (64%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from September 1999).
 - 49,193 (36%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 48,620 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 36% of the 135,113 total investigations available.
 - 21,323 (44%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 27,297 (56%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 48,620 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 11,859 (24%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 4,707 (10%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 2,962 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 1,838 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,606 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 1,064 (2%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 267 (0.55%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 48,620 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,873 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 5,330 (78%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from September 1999).
 - 1,543 (22%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 6,873 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - 1,312 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 19% of the available prosecution referrals.
 - 1,170 **convictions** were obtained. This is 17% of the available prosecution referrals.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$9,741,726 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$7,049,147 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights October – December 1999

Investigation Requests

- 65,788 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 21,929 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 724,710 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during October-December 1999).
- 64,599 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 65,788 investigation requests received.
 - 43,611 (68%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - 8,767 (14%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - 7,413 (11%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - 4,808 (7%) were Family (Household) Composition requests.
- 158,133 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - 93,534 (59%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from September 1999).
 - 64,599 (41%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 62,099 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 39% of the 158,133 total investigations available.
 - 27,408 (44%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - 34,691 (56%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 62,099 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - 15,830 (25%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - 5,804 (9%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - 3,177 (5%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - 2,346 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - 1,705 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - 592 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - 309 (0.50%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 62,099 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,566 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - 4,919 (75%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from September 1999).
 - 1,647 (25%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.

Of the 6,566 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,

- 1,355 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 21% of the available prosecution referrals.
- 1,195 **convictions** were obtained. This is 18% of the available prosecution referrals.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$8,650,377 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$1,448,416 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**October – December 1999**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	30	17	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador	✓			
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte	✓			
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern	✓			
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera	✓			
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced			✓	
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco		✓		
San Joaquin			✓	
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

CalWORKs

Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
October – December 1999

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	684,910	50,302	49,193	48,620	21,323	27,297	84,802
Alameda	26,324	1,128	1,127	1,138	724	414	5,355
Alpine	34	6	6	5	1	4	2
Amador	312	52	52	39	12	27	68
Butte	5,993	225	216	203	77	126	2,093
Calaveras	662	202	202	202	70	132	2
Colusa	231	65	65	11	0	11	137
Contra Costa	12,264	596	576	662	441	221	1,075
Del Norte	1,011	45	45	45	24	21	41
El Dorado	1,355	148	148	227	116	111	246
Fresno	28,884	975	725	1,281	438	843	7,430
Glenn	649	181	181	180	41	139	115
Humboldt	3,103	129	127	111	33	78	188
Imperial	4,981	521	478	428	389	39	280
Inyo	277	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kern	20,659	1,907	1,881	1,946	803	1,143	370
Kings	2,702	679	678	544	165	379	502
Lake	2,099	120	120	154	51	103	94
Lassen	671	38	38	60	13	47	61
Los Angeles	264,040	11,538	11,516	11,097	4,708	6,389	26,780
Madera	3,482	694	694	502	74	428	642
Marin	1,052	64	62	71	55	16	171
Mariposa	252	26	26	11	0	11	100
Mendocino	2,415	190	189	210	80	130	290
Merced	6,866	640	640	698	171	527	630
Modoc	251	14	14	14	2	12	8
Mono	80	4	4	2	2	0	3
Monterey	5,521	311	309	330	127	203	1,749
Napa	717	46	46	87	51	36	266
Nevada	721	67	53	41	18	23	54
Orange	25,025	2,187	2,165	2,343	1,367	976	3,006
Placer	1,858	72	72	70	31	39	227
Plumas	310	27	27	32	20	12	13
Riverside	27,101	7,464	7,459	7,520	4,331	3,189	913
Sacramento	39,170	1,265	1,193	1,544	584	960	5,338
San Benito	603	56	56	42	15	27	48
San Bernardino	45,469	4,803	4,803	4,185	1,135	3,050	7,326
San Diego	39,139	5,813	5,249	5,272	1,875	3,397	2,251
San Francisco	9,168	560	560	473	286	187	1,399
San Joaquin	16,703	267	267	243	146	97	362
San Luis Obispo	2,293	166	157	181	107	74	167
San Mateo	2,455	186	186	290	138	152	52
Santa Barbara	4,987	200	200	212	77	135	251
Santa Clara	15,381	653	653	184	166	18	5,529
Santa Cruz	2,350	561	542	577	157	420	116
Shasta	4,538	372	372	400	238	162	758
Sierra	53	1	1	0	0	0	1
Siskiyou	1,136	207	207	187	103	84	45
Solano	6,020	556	552	579	354	225	1,902
Sonoma	3,416	223	221	240	135	105	1,726
Stanislaus	10,483	834	822	671	425	246	771
Sutter	1,589	223	223	225	95	130	127
Tehama	1,551	86	86	43	8	35	505
Trinity	319	54	54	68	38	30	11
Tulare	12,914	1,796	1,789	1,646	383	1,263	1,924
Tuolumne	942	138	138	196	50	146	202
Ventura	6,785	303	303	328	131	197	808
Yolo	3,044	220	220	189	82	107	208
Yuba	2,500	398	398	381	160	221	61

a/ Effective with the October 1999 report month, the source form (CA 237 CalWORKs) was changed to collect families data from Two-Parent Families, Zero Parent Families and All Other Families. Foster Care caseload data from the CA 237 FC is also included. The data is a monthly average for the quarter.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 December 1999 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 October 1999 Item 4, was 85,920.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
October – December 1999

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	33,389	5,019	4,558	1,746	1,176	635	2,670
Alameda	478	226	150	68	22	41	142
Alpine	5	0	0	0	0	0	1
Amador	3	11	8	11	7	2	10
Butte	53	2	48	31	15	3	64
Calaveras	146	0	28	12	8	4	4
Colusa	54	0	4	2	1	0	4
Contra Costa	275	146	15	29	0	1	110
Del Norte	4	1	20	2	5	1	12
El Dorado	13	18	39	28	8	6	36
Fresno	336	135	103	65	8	3	75
Glenn	58	8	51	29	16	3	16
Humboldt	60	4	25	12	1	0	25
Imperial	87	3	38	16	28	8	298
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	1,230	11	294	98	34	11	203
Kings	542	3	66	27	13	12	15
Lake	3	3	40	10	61	1	2
Lassen	0	0	20	9	5	1	3
Los Angeles	8,384	2,154	195	83	0	209	491
Madera	489	29	83	27	17	1	48
Marin	5	35	3	10	1	2	6
Mariposa	18	0	4	1	2	1	0
Mendocino	20	98	28	30	2	3	8
Merced	395	56	102	48	11	6	22
Modoc	4	0	5	2	3	0	0
Mono	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Monterey	181	8	49	9	38	3	21
Napa	6	0	16	6	2	1	15
Nevada	17	3	9	9	5	8	2
Orange	1,942	51	66	59	1	0	46
Placer	15	13	23	8	6	1	6
Plumas	9	10	4	1	1	0	2
Riverside	7,017	147	88	53	12	16	126
Sacramento	856	4	103	30	16	3	181
San Benito	10	10	13	5	11	3	4
San Bernardino	1,954	106	1,615	274	633	148	73
San Diego	4,395	509	153	111	26	13	42
San Francisco	201	187	6	61	3	3	99
San Joaquin	164	25	32	12	1	6	27
San Luis Obispo	34	56	30	9	5	9	14
San Mateo	37	5	48	52	7	2	35
Santa Barbara	46	8	58	28	7	6	47
Santa Clara	292	165	83	81	2	14	16
Santa Cruz	268	220	13	15	6	10	10
Shasta	321	14	22	5	1	0	9
Sierra	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Siskiyou	125	0	22	5	35	16	4
Solano	218	97	122	50	15	18	32
Sonoma	78	87	34	8	0	2	12
Stanislaus	166	194	335	50	28	6	43
Sutter	137	5	31	16	5	6	23
Tehama	17	3	13	37	2	11	3
Trinity	28	7	7	5	3	2	2
Tulare	1,529	86	84	40	3	2	45
Tuolumne	83	6	19	8	9	1	12
Ventura	284	0	4	9	2	1	3
Yolo	112	19	33	17	8	2	29
Yuba	185	29	52	22	15	3	92

a/ "Other" includes Homeless Assistance, Duplicate Warrants, Duplicate (Multiple) Aid, Forgery, Fictitious Identity, Internal Affairs, Child Care, Drug Felon, Fleeing Felon, Probation/Parole Violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
October – December 1999

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	11,859	1,606	267	4,707	1,838	2,962	1,064
Alameda	335	206	0	177	2	4	55
Alpine	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Amador	6	0	0	0	6	0	0
Butte	44	9	0	6	14	4	0
Calaveras	35	0	0	1	34	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	84	60	25	134	0	141	0
Del Norte	2	1	0	1	11	9	0
El Dorado	5	7	0	33	21	91	0
Fresno	202	65	43	103	21	22	596
Glenn	13	3	0	13	6	5	0
Humboldt	7	8	0	15	17	3	0
Imperial	17	3	0	0	5	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	325	26	20	59	159	214	0
Kings	113	18	0	6	13	15	0
Lake	10	0	0	3	28	4	0
Lassen	3	0	0	0	7	3	0
Los Angeles	2,284	192	0	1,753	9	1,372	0
Madera	0	14	0	19	33	8	0
Marin	2	2	0	37	18	13	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	6	0	46	7	18	3
Merced	44	56	0	53	78	3	0
Modoc	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	93	12	1	4	1	16	3
Napa	11	2	0	0	25	16	0
Nevada	5	1	0	2	4	6	0
Orange	831	90	13	193	381	240	7
Placer	3	13	0	6	9	0	0
Plumas	3	4	0	4	5	4	0
Riverside	4,063	86	0	131	0	49	0
Sacramento	348	40	0	113	76	7	336
San Benito	4	3	0	2	6	0	0
San Bernardino	345	137	5	162	297	244	0
San Diego	1,111	111	108	680	62	84	0
San Francisco	94	88	0	82	12	2	1
San Joaquin	83	52	0	2	9	7	0
San Luis Obispo	22	7	0	20	45	6	7
San Mateo	26	14	0	42	45	11	0
Santa Barbara	22	18	0	33	22	4	0
Santa Clara	74	51	0	107	10	0	1
Santa Cruz	105	19	0	19	14	0	0
Shasta	139	6	0	7	1	85	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	43	0	0	11	35	14	0
Solano	130	59	0	109	20	47	0
Sonoma	73	12	22	131	49	47	16
Stanislaus	103	28	30	262	130	44	0
Sutter	42	2	0	16	10	36	2
Tehama	5	1	0	0	0	2	0
Trinity	7	0	0	9	14	8	0
Tulare	301	19	0	58	3	2	13
Tuolumne	23	0	0	9	18	3	0
Ventura	117	14	0	0	0	0	24
Yolo	18	20	0	19	23	24	0
Yuba	79	19	0	15	22	25	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
October – December 1999

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,543	6,873	1,312	170
Alameda	206	394	227	3
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	23	0	0
Butte	5	112	0	0
Calaveras	0	6	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	33	82	31	0
Del Norte	1	30	0	0
El Dorado	7	7	7	0
Fresno	65	168	84	1
Glenn	3	7	3	1
Humboldt	10	13	11	0
Imperial	2	39	0	8
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	26	165	28	2
Kings	18	42	15	4
Lake	0	125	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	192	543	170	24
Madera	14	14	14	0
Marin	2	5	4	0
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	6	33	4	0
Merced	56	412	9	7
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	2	3	0	0
Monterey	13	43	21	0
Napa	2	48	3	0
Nevada	1	2	2	0
Orange	82	105	71	10
Placer	13	141	17	0
Plumas	3	18	4	0
Riverside	83	105	81	4
Sacramento	40	363	33	9
San Benito	3	4	1	2
San Bernardino	137	485	76	0
San Diego	99	772	111	0
San Francisco	88	189	15	79
San Joaquin	52	76	49	6
San Luis Obispo	7	7	7	0
San Mateo	14	49	11	0
Santa Barbara	23	23	22	1
Santa Clara	51	961	40	0
Santa Cruz	19	19	19	0
Shasta	6	182	12	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	59	332	30	2
Sonoma	12	29	7	2
Stanislaus	28	407	31	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	19	28	15	1
Tuolumne	0	7	0	0
Ventura	13	159	5	4
Yolo	20	20	20	0
Yuba	8	71	2	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 October 1999 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus October, November, and December 1999's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
October – December 1999

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,170	91	177	132	179	1	62	0
Alameda	149	0	149	0	62	0	3	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	43	0	0	38	2	0	3	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Fresno	80	3	0	0	9	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kings	3	0	4	0	16	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	159	0	0	0	4	0	22	0
Madera	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Marin	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	12	28	0	0	0
Merced	12	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	5	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Napa	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	62	13	0	0	2	0	0	0
Placer	11	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Riverside	70	0	0	79	3	0	0	0
Sacramento	53	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	66	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Diego	89	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
San Francisco	26	70	0	0	0	0	9	0
San Joaquin	49	0	0	0	4	1	6	0
San Luis Obispo	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Mateo	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	23	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	10	0	0	0	2	0	4	0
Shasta	8	0	1	0	5	0	1	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	20	0	0	1	3	0	2	0
Sonoma	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Stanislaus	24	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	41	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Yolo	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	2	0	13	0	0	0	1	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
October – December 1999

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$9,741,726	\$7,049,147
Alameda	1,672,601	115,625
Alpine	0	700
Amador	0	220
Butte	34,334	7,914
Calaveras	265	2,160
Colusa	0	568
Contra Costa	327,877	49,793
Del Norte	252	6,688
El Dorado	18,681	30,276
Fresno	278,659	272,167
Glenn	15,873	11,328
Humboldt	31,265	9,039
Imperial	0	4,339
Inyo	0	932
Kern	258,734	148,047
Kings	34,367	34,083
Lake	0	3,722
Lassen	9,125	3,840
Los Angeles	1,385,751	2,301,714
Madera	55,156	30,442
Marin	54,549	29,098
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	199,805	5,925
Merced	122,521	5,926
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	49,790	68,369
Napa	16,655	3,402
Nevada	13,769	8,426
Orange	547,963	336,240
Placer	30,746	55,488
Plumas	18,354	2,810
Riverside	248,713	289,254
Sacramento	538,843	469,111
San Benito	4,283	15,231
San Bernardino	678,359	326,908
San Diego	938,100	678,278
San Francisco	191,871	336,765
San Joaquin	249,031	36,655
San Luis Obispo	38,465	3,848
San Mateo	49,030	5,263
Santa Barbara	69,656	123,258
Santa Clara	507,169	484,419
Santa Cruz	51,746	67,559
Shasta	22,955	11,292
Sierra	0	690
Siskiyou	9,900	1,302
Solano	374,583	103,041
Sonoma	125,783	171,929
Stanislaus	253,846	122,277
Sutter	32,760	2,069
Tehama	1,636	1,925
Trinity	5,370	1,177
Tulare	65,857	0
Tuolumne	1,455	2,336
Ventura	0	146,385
Yolo	82,239	67,231
Yuba	22,984	31,663

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
October – December 1999

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	724,710	65,788	64,599	62,099	27,408	34,691	94,195
Alameda	26,843	1,509	1,508	1,521	890	631	2,775
Alpine	23	10	10	8	1	7	6
Amador	402	57	57	43	12	31	68
Butte	6,709	210	201	172	72	100	2,143
Calaveras	834	335	335	335	109	226	4
Colusa	347	190	190	34	0	34	266
Contra Costa	11,123	836	767	870	494	376	1,152
Del Norte	1,278	73	73	71	39	32	53
El Dorado	1,596	199	199	311	157	154	244
Fresno	24,007	1,039	809	773	493	280	3,383
Glenn	727	292	292	293	51	242	178
Humboldt	4,249	200	197	178	61	117	210
Imperial	5,368	572	522	470	430	40	294
Inyo	480	8	8	17	13	4	9
Kern	19,118	2,440	2,413	2,447	956	1,491	367
Kings	3,730	1,038	1,037	836	235	601	666
Lake	3,253	135	135	196	60	136	110
Lassen	748	49	49	88	16	72	67
Los Angeles	288,828	17,707	17,677	16,399	6,084	10,315	36,984
Madera	4,410	956	956	714	106	608	758
Marin	1,711	84	82	91	67	24	190
Mariposa	347	45	45	24	0	24	127
Mendocino	2,748	230	229	264	105	159	325
Merced	7,820	933	933	968	217	751	590
Modoc	355	16	16	16	4	12	11
Mono	94	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	5,645	329	327	333	127	206	1,452
Napa	913	64	64	109	62	47	310
Nevada	908	84	68	57	28	29	86
Orange	26,099	2,585	2,564	2,734	1,802	932	3,126
Placer	1,969	108	108	87	39	48	265
Plumas	303	41	41	41	30	11	28
Riverside	24,079	11,038	11,033	11,112	6,521	4,591	965
Sacramento	37,928	1,249	1,174	1,400	539	861	5,397
San Benito	696	54	54	36	22	14	61
San Bernardino	47,183	5,484	5,484	4,736	1,316	3,420	8,341
San Diego	35,789	5,420	4,829	4,785	1,934	2,851	2,503
San Francisco	14,895	1,315	1,315	990	650	340	2,666
San Joaquin	16,513	252	252	230	143	87	356
San Luis Obispo	2,763	222	212	231	133	98	225
San Mateo	2,395	198	198	273	137	136	63
Santa Barbara	5,622	263	263	281	99	182	257
Santa Clara	16,535	474	474	179	163	16	6,204
Santa Cruz	2,881	905	885	925	250	675	144
Shasta	5,945	428	428	475	281	194	877
Sierra	62	1	1	0	0	0	1
Siskiyou	1,462	340	340	287	164	123	80
Solano	6,381	543	540	560	314	246	2,509
Sonoma	3,905	243	241	367	157	210	2,229
Stanislaus	11,675	983	970	939	597	342	1,250
Sutter	1,751	373	373	384	163	221	135
Tehama	1,903	86	86	43	8	35	423
Trinity	376	74	74	87	46	41	27
Tulare	15,133	2,011	2,003	1,797	412	1,385	1,978
Tuolumne	1,110	206	206	268	87	181	273
Ventura	8,896	267	267	303	136	167	662
Yolo	2,969	418	418	363	128	235	257
Yuba	2,876	567	567	548	248	300	65

a/ Data is the monthly average of the October-December 1999 quarter of Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 December 1999 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 October 1999 Item 4 was 93,534.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
October – December 1999

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	43,611	7,413	4,808	2,048	1,445	840	4,434
Alameda	529	262	137	63	19	45	453
Alpine	9	0	0	0	0	0	1
Amador	3	11	10	14	8	3	8
Butte	68	2	53	32	19	4	23
Calaveras	268	0	33	12	8	10	4
Colusa	167	0	4	4	1	2	12
Contra Costa	245	196	14	40	0	1	271
Del Norte	8	2	22	6	16	1	18
El Dorado	21	24	49	36	20	6	43
Fresno	397	130	113	77	9	4	79
Glenn	112	8	54	46	36	5	31
Humboldt	60	4	30	16	3	3	81
Imperial	92	3	41	16	29	8	333
Inyo	0	2	3	0	3	0	0
Kern	1,268	12	313	107	46	12	655
Kings	844	6	71	34	18	30	34
Lake	7	3	39	10	72	1	3
Lassen	0	0	22	12	10	1	4
Los Angeles	12,283	3,705	215	183	0	337	954
Madera	726	44	91	28	16	2	49
Marin	7	46	5	10	1	2	11
Mariposa	36	0	4	1	3	1	0
Mendocino	21	148	29	19	3	4	5
Merced	678	70	105	51	13	6	10
Modoc	4	0	5	2	3	0	2
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	186	12	49	13	38	3	26
Napa	13	0	15	11	3	1	21
Nevada	22	3	10	11	9	9	4
Orange	2,365	68	61	59	1	0	10
Placer	26	18	29	10	10	1	14
Plumas	14	13	5	3	2	0	4
Riverside	10,605	186	90	56	11	19	66
Sacramento	840	5	102	32	23	3	169
San Benito	16	10	11	5	8	3	1
San Bernardino	2,276	124	1,770	290	785	162	77
San Diego	3,959	551	138	112	22	13	34
San Francisco	366	405	7	122	6	4	405
San Joaquin	162	26	32	14	1	6	11
San Luis Obispo	39	81	37	13	5	11	26
San Mateo	45	8	46	53	7	2	37
Santa Barbara	85	9	58	32	12	6	61
Santa Clara	121	172	81	72	3	15	10
Santa Cruz	532	282	14	17	10	19	11
Shasta	370	15	21	9	2	1	10
Sierra	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Siskiyou	263	0	24	6	33	14	0
Solano	215	111	105	50	9	21	29
Sonoma	85	84	34	7	0	1	30
Stanislaus	194	311	329	57	26	6	47
Sutter	233	10	43	22	6	9	50
Tehama	17	3	13	37	2	11	3
Trinity	46	6	11	7	3	1	0
Tulare	1,634	149	93	43	6	2	76
Tuolumne	136	10	24	10	10	1	15
Ventura	244	0	5	12	2	1	3
Yolo	288	28	38	19	9	2	34
Yuba	361	35	51	24	25	5	66

a/ "Other" includes Replaced Lost Food Stamps, Duplicate (Multiple) Aid, Forgery, Fictitious Identity, Food Stamp Trafficking, Internal Affairs, Child Care, Drug Felon, Fleeing Felon, Probation/Parole Violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
October – December 1999

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	15,830	1,705	309	5,804	2,346	3,177	592
Alameda	417	243	0	193	32	5	73
Alpine	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Amador	6	0	0	0	6	0	0
Butte	38	9	0	6	14	5	0
Calaveras	69	0	0	0	40	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	100	56	27	184	0	152	1
Del Norte	3	1	0	2	20	13	0
El Dorado	8	7	0	46	30	105	0
Fresno	229	60	50	128	22	22	26
Glenn	18	3	0	13	9	7	0
Humboldt	12	9	0	32	28	6	0
Imperial	19	3	0	0	6	0	0
Inyo	0	2	0	0	5	6	0
Kern	412	27	23	82	198	214	0
Kings	175	17	0	9	18	16	0
Lake	17	0	0	3	28	4	0
Lassen	4	0	0	0	8	4	0
Los Angeles	2,888	187	0	2,274	9	1,693	0
Madera	1	29	0	32	35	9	0
Marin	5	2	0	42	20	17	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	6	0	65	7	24	13
Merced	76	57	0	66	82	2	0
Modoc	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	90	11	4	3	1	18	3
Napa	17	4	0	0	25	19	2
Nevada	9	3	0	5	4	7	0
Orange	1,074	86	16	199	506	63	8
Placer	7	18	0	3	12	0	0
Plumas	5	2	0	5	15	4	0
Riverside	6,234	89	0	195	0	0	0
Sacramento	369	37	0	49	79	5	307
San Benito	6	2	0	4	10	0	0
San Bernardino	405	147	6	214	347	256	0
San Diego	1,150	103	117	710	49	74	0
San Francisco	204	123	0	163	147	2	3
San Joaquin	86	46	0	1	11	8	0
San Luis Obispo	27	9	0	29	55	6	9
San Mateo	30	17	0	42	40	8	0
Santa Barbara	32	24	0	42	22	8	0
Santa Clara	73	52	0	115	10	0	1
Santa Cruz	188	16	0	25	21	0	0
Shasta	160	7	0	9	1	104	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	97	0	0	7	34	26	0
Solano	125	58	0	85	22	36	6
Sonoma	82	12	27	141	49	53	95
Stanislaus	114	29	39	404	133	47	0
Sutter	84	4	0	20	14	61	6
Tehama	5	1	0	0	0	2	0
Trinity	15	0	0	8	23	9	0
Tulare	285	26	0	94	4	3	17
Tuolumne	41	0	0	10	25	5	0
Ventura	121	15	0	0	0	0	22
Yolo	54	23	0	23	28	24	0
Yuba	137	23	0	22	41	25	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
October – December 1999

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,647	6,566	1,355	220
Alameda	243	395	255	5
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	5	120	0	0
Calaveras	0	7	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	32	84	31	0
Del Norte	1	30	0	0
El Dorado	7	7	7	0
Fresno	60	159	77	1
Glenn	3	3	3	0
Humboldt	11	14	12	0
Imperial	2	40	0	8
Inyo	2	2	0	0
Kern	27	163	27	2
Kings	17	40	13	6
Lake	0	168	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	187	735	166	23
Madera	29	29	15	14
Marin	2	5	4	0
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	6	39	4	0
Merced	57	470	14	8
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	12	40	18	0
Napa	4	50	3	0
Nevada	3	4	4	0
Orange	78	102	66	9
Placer	18	174	22	0
Plumas	0	16	4	0
Riverside	87	107	87	5
Sacramento	37	286	29	9
San Benito	2	4	1	1
San Bernardino	147	533	82	0
San Diego	91	692	111	0
San Francisco	123	266	17	114
San Joaquin	46	70	43	4
San Luis Obispo	9	9	9	0
San Mateo	17	45	12	0
Santa Barbara	28	28	27	1
Santa Clara	51	413	40	0
Santa Cruz	16	16	16	0
Shasta	7	177	15	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	58	317	29	2
Sonoma	13	30	8	2
Stanislaus	29	354	32	0
Sutter	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	26	35	18	1
Tuolumne	0	8	0	0
Ventura	21	167	7	5
Yolo	23	23	23	0
Yuba	10	82	4	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 October 1999 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus October, November, and December 1999's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
October – December 1999

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,195	122	218	135	182	1	67	0
Alameda	170	0	170	0	72	0	5	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	47	0	0	37	2	0	2	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	8	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Fresno	75	3	0	0	7	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Kern	13	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	4	0	5	0	12	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	153	0	0	0	5	0	21	0
Madera	16	0	12	0	2	0	0	0
Marin	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	9	20	0	0	0
Merced	17	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Napa	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	62	12	0	0	2	0	0	0
Placer	1	0	10	9	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Riverside	69	0	0	76	3	0	0	0
Sacramento	51	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	70	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Diego	87	0	0	0	12	0	0	0
San Francisco	28	103	0	0	1	0	11	0
San Joaquin	37	0	0	0	7	1	5	0
San Luis Obispo	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Mateo	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	27	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	12	0	0	0	1	0	5	0
Shasta	13	0	1	0	6	0	1	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	19	0	0	1	3	0	2	0
Sonoma	11	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Stanislaus	24	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	47	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	11	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Yolo	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	3	0	14	0	0	0	1	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
October – December 1999

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$8,650,377	\$1,448,416
Alameda	785,989	27,828
Alpine	0	200
Amador	0	90
Butte	25,563	5,566
Calaveras	0	479
Colusa	0	4,735
Contra Costa	166,514	26,489
Del Norte	4,422	4,568
El Dorado	12,246	15,599
Fresno	139,703	37,899
Glenn	10,442	9,168
Humboldt	17,586	6,438
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	1,153	1,679
Kern	130,871	85,512
Kings	12,438	24,195
Lake	0	3,469
Lassen	2,719	1,068
Los Angeles	4,393,363	80,401
Madera	50,418	29,703
Marin	13,262	15,959
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	58,820	6,395
Merced	70,554	4,635
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	21,184	27,892
Napa	8,728	1,581
Nevada	11,625	1,220
Orange	256,245	44,132
Placer	15,125	17,172
Plumas	2,314	1,386
Riverside	189,802	47,285
Sacramento	174,847	172,111
San Benito	2,851	11,807
San Bernardino	407,698	141,892
San Diego	515,264	52,962
San Francisco	175,572	138,054
San Joaquin	88,918	12,097
San Luis Obispo	16,694	1,627
San Mateo	29,015	4,024
Santa Barbara	27,931	46,789
Santa Clara	142,312	65,324
Santa Cruz	20,541	10,014
Shasta	9,944	10,708
Sierra	644	237
Siskiyou	2,846	1,175
Solano	167,584	63,163
Sonoma	56,324	26,922
Stanislaus	257,869	52,841
Sutter	7,187	1,947
Tehama	705	979
Trinity	1,026	555
Tulare	83,128	0
Tuolumne	1,094	3,125
Ventura	0	53,643
Yolo	43,823	30,983
Yuba	15,474	12,694